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11th
Semi-Annual Convention

Arrowhead Springs Hotel
San Bernardino

October 24-26, 1952

Arrangements for the 11th semi-annual convention of the California State Numismatic Association have been completed and the program as announced by General Chairman Dr. C. L. Emmons is as follows:

Friday, October 24

1:00 p.m. REGISTRATION BEGINS.
R. G. McArthur in charge.

2:00 p.m. EXHIBITS CAN BE PLACED.
Bland Hayden and Bryan Burke in charge.
BOURSE TABLES READY.
Fred Coops in charge.

7:30 p.m. NUMISMATIC FORUM.
3 men from the North.
3 men from the South.
Abe Kosoff, leader in charge.

8:30 p.m. LADIES CARD PARTY.
Hosts — Wives of San Bernardino Club members.

Saturday, October 25

9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION CONTINUES.
EXHIBITS CAN BE PLACED.
DEALER'S BOURSE OPEN.

10:00 a.m. BUSINESS SESSION.
Bourse and exhibit room will be closed during the short business session.

2:00 p.m. AUCTION, First Session.
Conducted by James Kelly, Dayton, Ohio. Gleb A. Popoff in charge.

5:00 p.m. JUDGING OF DISPLAYS.
Dr. N. A. Bowers in charge.

7:00 p.m. ANNUAL BANQUET.
Herb Bergen, toastmaster.
DOOR PRIZES.
ENTERTAINMENT.
John E. Lenker, directing.
(Following the banquet there will be dancing and a floor show, courtesy of the Arrowhead Springs Hotel).

Sunday, October 26

9:00 a.m. REGISTRATION CONTINUES.
BOURSE AND EXHIBITS OPEN.

10:00 a.m. SHORT BUSINESS SESSION.

12:00 Noon LUNCHEON.
Earl A. Parker, toastmaster.
DOOR PRIZES.
AWARD PRESENTATION.
By Dr. N. A. Bowers.
ENTERTAINMENT.
Herb Feinberg in charge.

2:00 p.m. AUCTION, Second Session.
James Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, conducting. Gleb A. Popoff in charge.

5:00 p.m. Convention closes.

As the convention date draws near interest in this meeting is increasing and it promises to be one of our best conventions. Several members and dealers from outside the state have signified their intention of attending, and this convention could well set a record for out of state registrations.

Registration, which includes the banquet and luncheon, has again been set at $6.00. The hotel rate is $6.00 per day per person. While this is slightly higher than the rate at some of our conventions, considering the regular rate and the nature of the accommodations, this is a real concession by the hotel management.

Reservation blanks for bourse and display space are being mailed by the secretary. Please make your reservations early. Hotel reservation should be made directly with Arrowhead Springs Hotel, San Bernardino, California. Be sure to mention CSNA Convention when making reservations.

Convention Chairmen

Honorary Chairman: Bland Hayden, President San Bernardino Coin Club.

General Chairman: Dr. C. L. Emmons.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Rudy Gjurovich.

Exhibits: Bryan Burke, Bland

San Bernardino

Site of the 11th semi-annual convention of the California State Numismatic Association, San Bernardino is located some 60 miles east of Los Angeles. It is served by Highways 66, 99 and 395 as well as by Santa Fe, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads and all bus lines.

With an altitude of 1054 feet, it is located in a beautiful valley at the foot of the San Bernardino Mountains, with Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear in the mountains only a few miles away; and just a short distance from famed Mojave Desert. San Bernardino County is the largest county area in the United States. Orange blossoms and snow-capped peaks at the same time are a familiar sight. San Bernardino is the home of the National Orange Show.

A growing city of a little less than a hundred thousand, San Bernardino is justly proud of its growing population, its decreasing bonded indebtedness, low tax rate and all the other statistics which testify to progress being made by this beautiful city located so strategically in the valley between mountains and desert, with all the advantages and none of the discomforts of both.

Arrowhead Springs Hotel, nestling in the foothills just outside the city at the foot of the world-famous Arrowhead landmark, will be the home of the 11th CSNA convention on October 24-26.

Hayden.

Bourse: Fred Coops.

Awards: Dr. N. A. Bowers.

Numismatic Forum: Abe Kosoff.

Publicity: W. C. Lange.

Convention Photographer: Dr. C. Glenn Curtis.

Badges and Ribbons: Edward Fogler.

Entertainment: Herb Feinberg, John E. Lenker.

Auction: Gleb A. Popoff.

Rules and Regulations

governing

Coin Exhibitions

held semi-annually at conventions
of the
California State Numismatic Association

Invitation to Exhibit — Any coin collector may enter a display in the coin exhibitions held in connection with the semi-annual conventions of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA). These exhibitions are a means by which you (whether a member of our Association or not) can express yourself to fellow collectors along numismatic lines and at the same time contribute to the general knowledge of our hobby. Most important of all, an exhibition affords opportunity to become better acquainted with your own coins as well as to gain an insight into the specialties of other collectors.

The success of these exhibitions is dependent upon not only widespread participation by collectors but also on an impartial arrangement and competitive grouping. Experience has shown that the best interests of all concerned are served by provisions set forth in the following rules and regulations.

(1) **Eligibility** — To be eligible for display space in a CSNA exhibition you must supply the information indicated on the accompanying entry blank. If you do not have an official entry blank you may use a sheet of plain paper **provided** you supply all of the data required. If you fail, for example, to indicate whether your display is "competitive" or "non-competitive" this omission prevents proper handling of the data by either the exhibition committee or the awards committee. **Give full information.**

Dealers are welcomed as exhibitors under the same conditions that apply to all, except that dealers, being considered professionals, will not be judged on a competitive basis with exhibitors whose interest in numismatics is only that of a hobby.

All exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

(2) **Separate Entry for Each Classification** — If you wish to enter exhibits competitively in two or more classifications you must use a separate sheet of paper for each classification. Place on each sheet all the information provided for on the sample entry blank. Exhibits will not be accepted for competitive rating if more than one classification is claimed for material included within a single display case.

(3) **Reservations** — When you send in your entry you are reserving space in an exhibition. To be handled to advantage reservation should be in the hands of the exhibition committee two weeks prior to the convention. If unable to make your reservation until a later date, send it as early as you can, but remember that time is required to lay out a well-arranged exhibition with desirable grouping of competitive displays.

In fairness to those who cooperate, priority rating "A" will be given to all entires in hand two weeks prior to the convention. Those received a day later will be rated "B" and so on. Significantly, the 15th letter of the alphabet is "O" and applications filed after the convention opens must expect a zero priority rating.

(4) **Display Cases and Fees** — CSNA display cases will be available, each with about 20 x 20½ inches clear exhibit area and depths of one to four inches. The cases have locks on which the small deposit required is refunded upon return of lock and keys. Exhibitors will be charged an exhibit fee of fifty cents per display case to help defray actual costs of the exhibition. If you prefer to use your own cases the fee will be based upon amount of space occupied, the same as if CSNA cases were used.

Each exhibitor may apply for an

initial allotment of one, two or three display cases. If he desires to use more than three he should indicate the additional number wanted. If the committee finds that extra cases are available, an additional allotment will be made.

(5) **Police Protection** — The Association will provide continuous day and night police protection for the time the exhibition is open, usually Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon. Exhibitors who desire any additional protection or insurance should make their own arrangements. Local police protection is as far as responsibility goes with respect to CSNA, its officers or members or the hotel in which the exhibition is held.

(6) **Removals Not Permitted** — Hours for public viewing the exhibits, advertised in advance for each convention, usually are 3 to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. During advertised display hours no exhibit or part thereof may be removed (except by arrangement prior to installation) and dismantling may not begin prior to advertised closing hour.

(7) **Commercialism** — No exhibit may be used for commercial purposes. No part of an exhibit may show a price tag nor may it be removed during the exhibition for sale or trade. A dealer's exhibit may display the dealer's business card.

(8) **Awards** — To stimulate endeavor toward the great possible educational value in the displays, exhibits entered competitively will be reviewed by a committee of judges. Decisions of the judges shall be final. Awards will be given in each of those classifications in which such recognition is warranted, in the opinion of the judges, by the quality of the displays and the extent of competition. Usually awards are made in six or seven classifications. However, quality and quantity of exhibits at each convention must of necessity govern and decision rests with the judges. Any of the groups in the classification list may be bypassed without an award or awards may be given in each of two or more subdivisions of a single group.

Such special awards as may from time to time be offered by individuals, clubs, dealers or other organizations, will also be at the disposal of the committee of judges. Exhibits not installed before 2 p.m. on Saturday shall be ineligible for award.

EXHIBIT CLASSIFICATIONS

Group A—United States
- (1) Gold coins (regular issues)
- (2) Pioneer and private mint issues
- (3) Commemorative coins
- (4) Regular-issue series (other than gold)
- (5) Proofs, patterns and specially struck pieces
- (6) Token money

Group B—Ancient-Byzantine-Medieval
- (1) Ancient oriental monies
- (2) Ancient Greece
- (3) Ancient Rome
- (4) Byzantine
- (5) Medieval

Group C—Coins since Medieval, through 18th Century (Any type or material, any country)

Group D—Coins of more than one country
- (1) Commemorative coins
- (2) Coins of the 19th Century
- (3) Coins of the 20th Century

Group E—Specialized collections
- (1) Any country—all issues
- (2) Any series of denomination, type, metal, etc.

Group F—Paper Money
- (1) Paper currency, any country or countries
- (2) Broken bank notes
- (3) Historic bank checks
- (4) Script and emergency issues (Military occupations, depressions, etc.)

Group G—Medals and Decorations
- (1) Military medals, orders, and decorations
- (2) Medallic art
- (3) Souvenirs, commemorative and award medals (other than military)
- (4) Mint medals

Group H—Junior and Novice
- (1) Junior — a person under 18 at exhibit time
- (2) Novice — a person who claims less than three years of activity in the numismatic field

Group I—Any classification not listed above.

(9) **Basis for Judging** — By order of the Association's Board of Directors, the committee of judges is instructed to use relative **educational value** of exhibits as the basis for rating their merit. Accordingly, ex-

hibitors are advised that the basis for making awards will be consideration of the following qualifications:

(a) Relative amount of numismatic information that can be obtained by examining the exhibit.

(b) Originality and effectiveness of the ideas employed in arrangement.

(c) Range, scope and variety of coverage in the material displayed.

(d) Neatness with which the display is arranged and presented.

(e) Relative condition of the material displayed.

(10) **Exhibitors Bound by Rules** — An exhibitor's signature on his entry form indicates (a) acceptance of rules herein outlined and (b) a willingness to accept and abide by all decisions and instructions of the exhibition committee. That committee is charged with responsibility for limiting and alloting available display space, in accordance with conditions as they develop at each exhibition.

Even displays entered "not for competition," as in the case of dealers exhibits, must conform, in all respects, to the requirements set forth in these rules.

(11) **Exhibit Classification** — Final location and grouping of display cases will be determined by the exhibition committee. However, experience at previous conventions suggests the accompanying groups and subdivisions which are listed as a guide to exhibitors. In filling out your entry blank you may put your exhibit in any of these groups or any additional classification may be requested if justified by the material exhibited. Material displayed must be limited to the numismatic field.

ENTRY BLANK

or

REQUEST FOR EXHIBIT SPACE

at the fall convention of the

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC CONVENTION

Arrowhead Springs, Calif., October 24, 25 and 26, 1952

CLOSING DATE for exhibit space reservations OCTOBER 10, 1952

The CSNA Exhibition Committee is hereby requested to reserve exhibition space for the undersigned in Group....., Subdivision..... ,
(one) (CSNA)
for (two) display cases. I want to use (my own) display cases.
(three)

If available, I would like to have an additional space allotment in which
(CSNA)
to use.....more (my own) cases.

I will install my exhibit (Friday .....p.m.) (Saturday .....a.m)
(do) .....p.m.)

I (do not) wish to have my display considered competitively.

Title of my exhibit is.....

Highlights of the exhibit are.....

.....

I agree to pay the exhibit fee not later than the time the exhibit is installed, make the required deposit on any locks and keys received and abide by rules and decisions made by the Exhibition Committee for this particular convention.

Name (printed) .....

Signature .....

Address .....

.....
(City) (Zone) (State)

CSNA Number .....

If not CSNA member check here.....

Names in History

By DR. C. GLENN CURTIS, *Brea*

ATHENA

If this little lady could come out of that rare and beautiful silver coin and talk, she would tell you about one of the greatest ages of all history — "the Glory that was Greece," for Athena, Grecian goddess of Mythology, pictured here, was coined when Socrates, Pericles, Phidias, Herodatus and other Greek immortals were creating a culture which has been the envy and guide for succeeding civilizations down to our day. Please note the classical lines of this head, with features clear cut and beautiful. Struck some time between the years 490-430 B.C. this coin represents the state of Attica, where the city of Athens then and now is located. The back of this coin shows a modernistic figure of an owl. Back of the bird is an olive spray and the moon. In front are the Greek letters A O E.

PHILIP OF MACEDON

Philip of Macedon, who lived from 382 to 336 B.C. took the wild hillmen of what is now northern Greece and made them into invincible soldiers. Philip's main contribution to warfare was the Phalanx which is the arrangement into close masses of heavily armed infantry men. Philip, however, was the father of an even more famous contribution to warfare, and that was his son, Alexander the Great. In fact, Alexander's remarkable achievements in warfare were due in no small part to the well knit kingdom he inherited from Philip, plus large numbers of sturdy, warlike men and the already mentioned phalanx. Unfortunately, the head man shown on this coin is not of Philip but of the god Zeus. The man on horseback on the reverse of the coin represents the king's victories at the famous Olympian games. Macedonian coins such as this one were popular all over Europe long after Philip died. In fact when the Gauls invaded and pillaged Greece, they took back with them enormous quantities of these coins where they long served as models for the native currency of Gaul and Britain.

Who's Who In California Numismatics

Michael Peter Joseph Carey

By Himself

I was born in Ireland (now called EIRE) on June 24, 1877. Moved to Chicago early in 1881. My memory of anything will not go beyond the assassination of President Garfield in that year. I lived in that part of Chicago called "Bridgeport" until I was 12 years of age and then moved to a district called "Back of the Yards", meaning the stock yards and packing houses.

In this neighborhood lived people from about every country in Europe. In this place I soon learned that the kids had foreign copper coins and could not spend them in the local stores. The coins fascinated me, and I gladly gave spendable cents for the foreign ones. By the time I left school, I had a cigar box full. They were put away and forgotten for about five years. I learned that there was a dealer in coins that bought and sold them for a living. So one day I sorted mine out and found that I had about 50 different ones. The rest went to the dealer. Shortly after that I learned that a bookmaker was using a coin shop as a "Front." That interested me both ways. His wife was the clerk and also acted as lookout for the gendarmes. She showed me a Roman coin and explained it. When I bought that coin, the roof fell in on me, and I have never since gotten from under it.

Early in 1902 I learned of the American Numismatic Association, and I joined it. My number is 382. I received the 50-year gold medal at the convention last August in Phoenix. It is my most prized coin. I was a charter member of the old Chicago Coin Club. Also a charter member of the Los Angeles Coin Club and served as president of it for one term. Since I purchased my first Roman coin from the bookmaker's wife (I still have it, one of Domitian), I have been interested only in them and their historical background. I have never cared for any United States coin as to me it meant that it is worth so much and has no other significant attribution.

As a side line in the early days I collected one coin from a country, and at present I have about 375 of them, all from modern countries. That covers my collecting activities.

I am not going to try to give the impression of being a big shot coin collector when I say that I was very familiar with the leaders in Chicago of long ago. The fabulously wealthy Virgil Brand, so humble and so eager to help the beginner. The dignified F. W. Dunham timidly displaying his Greek tetradrachms as well as his famous collection of United States coins, and proudly stating that he considered a mint mark as a blemish and would not collect them. A somewhat startling attitude in the opinion of some. And William Jerrems, Jr., the scholarly first presi-

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A.N.A.

Sixty-First Convention

Together with some 480 other members, your editor journeyed to the big city in August to attend the 61st annual convention of the American Numismatic Association. As conventions go, it differed little from those at Phoenix, Milwaukee and San Francisco. But — there is only one New York.

From the balcony of the Penn Top on the roof of the Statler Hotel, where all convention activities were held, we had a splendid view of the only city of its kind. To the west, just a few blocks away the Hudson River with all its traffic passed in review. To the north the brilliant lights of Times Square. Just two blocks east the tower of the Empire State Building in all the majesty of its 102 stories and nearly 1500 feet rose upward to the skies, and in the background on the banks of the East River the glass sides of the United Nations Building shone like a solid block of light.

The streams of traffic crawling in all directions in apparent interminable confusion, whistles of traffic officers, rumble of the subway, delivery boys and their pushcarts, never ending streams of taxis, bright lights, shops, stores, theatres, skyscrapers. There is only one New York.

Registration from California totaled 14 among whom were Roy Hill, Karl Brainard, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kosoff, Sam Koeppel and R. E. Heller. Mr. Brainard was the only Californian to serve on committee, being on the election committee, which this year had a comparatively easy job. All officers were re-elected with the vacancy on the Board due to the withdrawal of Charles Ryan going to Mrs. June Pond of Boston.

The two business sessions were ably presided over by Col. Joe Moss and were marked by complete harmony, and in addition there was a club representative breakfast meeting which was productive of a great deal of interest and which promises to become a fixed and important addition to the program. Members of the Orders and Medals Society met informally, and members of the Canadian Numismatic Association in attendance held a meeting with President Sheldon Carroll presiding. This, too, can well become a regular feature of A.N.A. conventions.

The educational program in the form of a speakers panel with Capt. O. H. Dodson as moderator was excellently done and well attended. The several auction sessions were well attended. Bidding was often spirited and prices generally ran high, often exceeding listed estimates.

Bourse was given an international aspect by the attendance of representatives of both Seaby and Spink from England and a dealer from Zurich, Switzerland. Members exhibits occupied the center section of the huge Penn Top room, the display marred by the poor lighting afforded by the indirect lighting system and only partially relieved by floor spots. Awards for the displays were given at the annual banquet, Anna Merle Panosh being the only Californian to carry away a cup. Her display of orders and decorations won first award in that division.

Martin Kortjohn and his committee received and deserved a vote of thanks for a job well done in handling all the many details and problems in connection with this 61st convention.

Dallas, Texas, will host the 1953 meeting and Cleveland, Ohio, was awarded the meeting for 1954. Invitations were received for the 1955 convention from Los Angeles, Chicago, Omaha and Miami.

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U.S. Commemorative Half Dollars

By LEONEL C. PANOSH, *San Diego*

Commemorative half dollars of the United States were designed by the finest artists and sculptors in the country, and are truly works of art; and in addition, taken collectively, they convey a very complete picture of the history of this country.

The earliest recorded discovery of America by the Norsemen in 1000 A.D. is depicted on the Norse-American medal. Octagonal in shape, it was intended to be a coin, but the word "coin" was changed to "medal" when the bill authorizing its issue was passed by Congress, and it commonly is included in any set of commemorative half dollars.

The Columbian half dollar, bearing the portrait of Columbus and with a representation of his flagship, the Santa Maria, commemorates the discovery of America in 1492, and was issued during the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Besides being the first it also is the most common of the commemorative half dollars. More than 2½ million were issued and there were two dates, 1492 and 1493.

The early colonization of this continent is well covered by many commemorative coins. Among them are the Pilgrim Tercentenary, showing the Mayflower under full sail; the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary, commemorating the 300th anniversary of the settling of New Netherlands by these colonists in their search for religious freedom; the Maryland Tercentenary, for the establishment of that colony by Lord Calvert; the Connecticut Tercentenary, with its fine design of the Charter Oak; the Roanoke Island commemorative, with its story of the attempt to colonize South Carolina by Sir Walter Raleigh and of Virginia Dare, first white child born here of English parentage; the Delaware Tercentenary, commemorating the settlement of that colony by Swedish colonists in 1638; Rhode Island, Long Island, Albany, Hudson, York County, Maine and others. Taken together they form a pictorial history of this early colonization period. (It is interesting to note that in 1938 the Swedish government issued a commemorative coin, half-dollar size, commemorating the same event for which the Delaware half dollar was issued).

The Revolutionary War for independence is adequately and artistically covered by the Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial half dollar commemorating the opening of hostilities; the Vermont for the victory at Bennington; the Columbia, South Carolina, for the defense of that city against the British fleet; and finally, the Philadelphia Sesquicentennial with its replica of the Liberty Bell in commemoration of final victory and independence.

Subsequent exploration and development of the United States are shown by the Fort Vancouver, Oregon Trail, Daniel Boone, Old Spanish Trail, Hawaiian, Texas and many other state centennial issues commelorating admission by them to statehood. The Civil War is recorded by the Gettysburg, Antietam and Stone Mountain half dollars.

The series is not limited to recording of discovery, exploration, battles and colonization. The completion of the Panama Canal is commemorated by the Panama-Pacific half dollar issued in 1915. The Oakland Bay Bridge shown on the half dollar of that name likewise adds a permanent record of the achievement of mankind, and the California Diamond Jubilee half dollar celebrates the 75th anniversary of the discovery of gold in California, one of the great historic and economic events of that century. The 100th anniversary of the promulgation of the Monroe Doctrine is noted on the half dollar issued at Los Angeles in 1923. It is the only coin ever issued to commemorate a law regulating our foreign policy, testifying to the far-reaching effect of that famous piece of legislation which defined for all the world our position in the western hemisphere.

The four coins mentioned in the preceding paragraph are of particular interest to Californians, all having been issued in this state. The Cincinnati half dollar also is of unusual interest, since its commem-

orates the contribution made to music by the people of that city, and particularly by Stephen Foster whose portrait appears on the coin. The writer of such songs as "Old Black Joe", "Massa's in the Cold Cold Ground", "Old Kentucky Home" and many others dear to the hearts of all Americans, he is fittingly honored by the issuance of this coin.

Many of the coins serve more than one purpose or commemorate more than one event. Thus, the Columbian, besides commemorating the discovery of America also is a record of that first great exposition at Chicago. The San Diego exposition in 1936 has its coin which also has as its purpose to celebrate the discovery of San Diego Bay by Cabrillo in 1542 and the development of the city to its present beauty. The dates on the Elgin half dollar refer, not to that city, but to the year when the French explorers Joliet and Marquette first entered that territory.

Portraiture is an important part of the designs on many of these half dollars, and authentic likenesses of many of our presidents, explorers, statesmen and other men of note in our history are shown. Among these is that of Booker T. Washington on the most recent commemorative half dollar to be issued. The life and achievements of that universally admired leader of the colored race, and his rise from slavery in a cabin to the hall of fame, are fittingly depicted on this coin.

All coins are interesting, but none, in the opinion of the writer, are more artistic or more completely informative in their field than this series of commemorative half dollars of the United States.

Numismatics is sometimes defined as "the study of the histories of all nations through the medium of their coinage." Much of our knowledge of the history of ancient times has been derived from information taken from coins of that period which have been unearthed by archeologists. It is not so far fetched to imagine that centuries hence, historians of some future civilization to come may trace the history, culture and achievements of our people from a study of these very coins.

More on Michael Carey

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dent of the American Numismatic Assocation. His 3000 plus collection of coins of the later Roman Empire and his all-embracing knowledge of them and their emperors was an inspiration to all of us, and I often wondered why anyone collected anything else.

In my early days, there was only one dealer in Chicago. Silas C. Stevens by name, an old Civil War vet. I never did learn which side of the fence he was on, but I believe he was one of Lee's fellows. Stevens was odd. We were all treated alike. He would count out 15 copper coins and hand them out, and he recounted them when returned and we paid for the difference. I have seen him treat Edward T. Newell and Howard Newcomb in that manner. So who was I to object.

My education is limited to grammar school (8th grade) in Chicago. Shortly after leaving school, I went to work for Marshall Field & Co., and left them in 1923 to come to Los Angeles. Went to work for "Bullock's" then, and retired in 1945. My family have gone before me. And if it were not for my interest in numismatics, I believe that I would find life a little on the monotonous side.

(Editor's Note: We feel that those who know Mike Carey will agree that the autobiography above is so typical of him that to rewrite it would be no improvement. However, his modesty would not permit him to record that in 1951 he published a volume entitled "Emperors of Rome", being a historical reference work with short biographical notes of all the emperors from 29 B.C. to 491 A.D. Although not a technical numismatic reference it is fully illustrated by coins of all but two of the emperors.—LCP.)

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB CHANGES MEETING PLACE

The Long Beach Coin Club announces that since last July the club meets at 350 E. Ocean. The date, third Tuesday remains the same. Meetings begin at 7:30 and all collectors are cordially invited to attend.

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HANFORD COIN CLUB. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, August 4, in the Hotel Wilton. There were 18 members present.

Vice-President Harold Geyer presided in the absence of President Clarence Berry. After a short business session, a coin quiz was held and prizes given. Forest Speck being the winner.

Merrill Cole gave a very interesting and educational talk on his trip through the middle west and east this summer. Merrill spent quite a little time in Washington, D.C., and on into Canada. Being a good coin collector, he naturally spent a lot of time visiting banks and looking for numismatic material.

Several lots of coins were auctioned off, refreshments served and the meeting adjourned.

—M. Forest Speck.

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LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB. The July and August meetings of the Los Angeles Coin Club took place at 1329 S. Hope Street (Forrester's Hall).

Dr. Gleason L. Archer Jr. gave a scholarly talk on the subject of the **"Heber Coinage and the Fall of Jerusalem."** Dr. Archer is a master of classic literature and illustrated his talk with actual letters from coins in his possession showing, without doubt, that the coins were struck during the second revolt as they were numbered 2, 3, etc.

Exhibits were shown by Joe Block of U. S. coins in holders; by Mr. Koonce of Hessian Orders and medals and by Mr. Miladin of various U. S. coins.

The August meeting did not feature a single speaker but each member was asked to bring and say a few words about his favorite numismatic items. Some items shown were:

Mr. Larson — Ancient and Curious moneys.

Mr. Koonce — Two types of Australian Holey Dollars.

Dr. Archer—A gold medal for efficiency in Greek.

Mr. Dare—A 1933 half dollar that was the first he was able to save and which later was found to be listed at $16.00 (present catalogue).

Mr. McCabe—A mounted collection of large cents in EF condition.

Several others gave short notes regarding their favorite coin and the highlight of the evening was the acceptance of five new members.

Delicious refreshments were served under the guardianship of Mrs. Block at both meetings and each was followed by an auction of about 100 different lots.

—William D. Koonce,
Secretary.

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ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB. The 168th regular monthly meeting of the Orange County Coin Club was held at the Brea Woman's Clubhouse on May 28, 1952, with President C. Glenn Curtis presiding over an attendance of 75 members and guests.

Following a short business session the Secretary reported that the club now had an active membership of 162 paid-up members. Five new members were admitted to membership at this time. A goal of 200 paid-up members for 1952 was announced by President Curtis.

Program Chairman Haldiman announced a list of future programs and then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Verner G. Rich, who chose as his topic the subject of "Gold." He first reviewed the role that gold has played in the past centuries of world civilization and then discussed its status in the present world situation. Gold, he emphasized, is the best standard of value that has ever been devised. Without gold as a standard of value the world monetary system is in a state of uncertainty and confusion, resulting in debasement and inflation which ultimately lead to economic disaster. The only solution for stabilizing money is a return to the gold standard. Managed money, he pointed out, functions off center. Gold is a necessary balance wheel and there is no substitute for it. Many countries are now in the process of returning to the Gold Standard. No doubt the United States of America must sooner or later do likewise.

At the conclusion of Dr. Rich's most interesting and instructive talk

the meeting recessed for refreshments and then proceeded with the usual auction of coins with Joe Steele acting as auctioneer. A feature of the auction which was an innovation was a separate preliminary auction conducted by Adolph Larson Jr. for Junior members only. The dozen or more Junior collectors present engaged in very spirited bidding and were so enthusiastic about it that it was decided to continue with such auctions at future meetings.

The 169th regular monthly meeting of the Orange County Coin Club was held June 25, 1952, at the Brea Woman's Clubhouse with President Dr. C. Glenn Curtis presiding over an attendance of 92 members and guests.

The sudden and unexpected death of Paul Roman of Pomona was announced by Stewart Bingham. Mr. Roman was a long-time member of the club and one of its most faithful supporters. He will be greatly missed and his passing will be a distinct loss to all numismatists who knew him.

Joe Steele also announced the recent death of Ernest R. Johnson of Santa Ana. Ernie was another member of long standing in this club and was considered one of its strong boosters. He was nationally known as a scout for the Boston Red Sox baseball club, at one time having participated as a world series player for the New York Yankee team.

Program chairman John Haldiman regretfully announced that the Phoenix Coin Club had given a last minute notice that it was unable to appear at this meeting to give a program as planned. President Curtis rose to the occasion by presenting Major Edwin J. Istvan of the U.S. Air Force who had just returned with Mrs. Istvan from a three-year tour of duty in the Far East and Japan. Major Istvan, assisted by Mrs. Istvan, showed several long colored motion picture reels taken by him in the Orient and gave a most interesting talk on conditions in Japan and other Far East points, including Formosa, Korea, Guam, Hong Kong, and Iwo Jima. He pictured Japan as a land of great contrasts, part of it very modern and part of it very crude and primitive. Mrs. Istvan displayed Japanese gowns and gave an account of living conditions under the military occupation of Japan. Major Istvan also described the monetary conditions under the occupation, displaying a set of scrip used by members of the armed forces as a medium of exchange. Dr. Rich and Eugene Johnston had on display ancient and modern Japanese coins and medals which fitted the occasion.

Following this interesting program which many declared was one of the most fascinating ever presented by this club, the meeting recessed for refreshments and then began the auction for both Junior and senior members under the hammer of Adolph Larson Jr. and Joe Steele.

The 170th regular monthly meeting of the Orange County Coin Club was held on July 23 at the Brea Womans Clubhouse with President C. Glenn Curtis presiding over an attendance of 107 members and guests.

Four new members were accepted at this meeting, thus raising the paid-up active membership to 172 for the year 1952.

Preceding the business meeting Mr. Adolph Larson Jr. conducted an auction for junior members of the club. This is proving to be a popular feature of the club meeting as more and more teen-age collectors are attending.

The program chairman, John Haldiman, introduced Mr. Leonel C. Panosh, member of the Board of Governors of the ANA, as the speaker of the evening. His subject was **"Coins of Siam."** After giving a brief history of this interesting oriental nation, he described the monetary system from the earliest known time to the present date. The first mention of Siamese money he credited to Marco Polo who made mention of cowrie shells used by these people as a medium of exchange. Other ancient forms of money used prior to the destruction of the old capital of Siam by the Burmese in 1782 were listed as crude clay pieces, willow leaf money and silver wife money. After the new capital was established at Bangkok, the well-known Siamese bullet money came into use. This money, coined in silver of various denominations from one to eight ticals remained in use until 1867 and was not demonetized until 1904. It remained the monetary unit of the country during that time.

The speaker also described the porcelain gambling tokens issued by gambling houses and used as money

with government approval. Over 2000 varieties of this colorful coinage are known. Each gambling chip carries the name of the gambling house and the denomination. They were long used as small change by the people. Many collectors make a specialty of these coins.

Siamese money is noted for its odd and curious forms and shapes. The country now issues money in the flat disc shape common to all countries of the world, but it retains the old symbols of the elephant, lotus flower, and temple towers used on the older forms.

The speaker had with him a representative display of Siamese money from the oldest to the newest which proved of great interest to the audience.

Following this fine presentation by Mr. Panosh, the meeting was recessed for refreshments and then continued with the regular auction for members and guests under the direction of Joe Steele, auctioneer.

—Herb Bergen,
Secretary.

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PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. The 436th regular meeting of the Society met in the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, on Wednesday evening, June 25, 1952, with 31 members and four guests present. Vice-President David Redfield presided in the absence of President Jack Hecht.

Eleven members and one guest made displays of coins and gave short talks descriptive of their interesting coins. An auction of some 20 lots was conducted by E. A. Parker.

The principal exhibit of the evening was the display of over 30 gold Chinese coins and presentation pieces from the collection of Mr. Allen Gokson, with a talk by H. F. Bowker on their historical backgrounds and numismatic significance. As all of the dollar-sized gold pieces were in the category of presentation pieces struck in gold from dies intended for striking silver dollars, and in order that both sides should be shown, he supplemented the display of gold pieces by corresponding silver pieces from his collection. A list of specimens contained in his outstanding group of rare Chinese items is published below.

Mr. George Ruge spoke on some of the current operations of the San Francisco mint of which he is superintendent of the coining operations.

The following items were shown by Mr. Gokson:

1862 Tai Ping 5 taels in silver.
1906 Kuang Hsu 1 teal—2 specimens
1907 Kuang Hsu 1 tael—2 specimens
1912 Yuan Shih-kai die of silver dollar struck in gold.
1919 $20 & $10 of Yuan Shih-kai in gold.
1919 Yuan Shih-kai $10 die of gold struck in silver.
1920 Yuan Shih-kai die of silver dollar struck in gold.
1923 Wedding dollar die of silver dollar struck in gold.
1927 Sun Yat-sen die of silver dollar struck in gold.
1927 Sun Yat-sen die of silver 20c piece struck in gold.
1934 Sun Yat-sen die of silver dollar struck in gold.
1907 Sinkiang 2 mace & 1 mace.
1919 Yunnan $10 and $5 silver Tang Chi-yao.
1925 Yunnan $10 & $5 Tien, plain edge.
1925 Yunnan $10 & $5, plain reverse.
1922 Hunan die of silver dollar struck in gold, double struck.
1926 Shantung $20 & $10.
1950 Taiwan (Formosa) 4 mace plain edge.
1950 Taiwan (Formosa) 2 mace plain edge.

MEDALLIONS:

1916 Hung Hsien (Yuan Shih-kai in proof.
1921 Hsu Shih-chang in civil dress.
1923 Tsao Kun, 2 specimens, one in uniform and one in civil dress.
1924 Tuan Chi-sui.

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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB held its 48th meeting June 17, 1952, at the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce office. There were 19 members present.

The main feature of the meeting was a donation auction of coins to increase our treasury for the coming California State Numismatic Association convention to be held here October 24, 25, and 26. It was very successful, netting the club over $50.00.

The club held its 49th meeting on July 17 at the San Bernardino

Chamber of Commerce office with President Bland Haydon opening the meeting at eight o'clock. There were 19 members and one guest present. Mr. Lages presented the club with a beautiful zinc cut of our club seal for our stationery, membership cards and other places where we need it.

More was discussed about the coming convention of the California State Numismatic Association for which we are the sponsors. This is to be held at the Arrowhead Springs Hotel October 24-25-26th.

The entertainment of the evening was the second half of the ancient coin slides from the A.N.A. slide committee headed by Glen Smedley. These were color slides and not impressions. They are really beautiful. The information that comes with the slides is very complete and will give the advanced collector of ancient coins a few more details he did not know. Viewing these you cannot help but wish the modern mints did not have to worry about wear, stacking and crevices and could produce coins of the artistic caliber of these ancient ones.

Auction, door prize and gab session followed.

The 50th meeting of the club was held on August 21. Meeting was called to order by President Bland Haydon at eight o'clock with twenty-two members and one guest present.

The business portion of the gathering was devoted to planning our California State Numismatic Association convention to be held at the Arrowhead Springs Hotel in October. Fred Draper informed us there will be complete police protection throughout the convention. Dr. Thomas outlined the program consisting of a forum, banquet, auction, luncheon and many numismatic affairs.

The program of the evening was supplied to us by the A.N.A. slide committee. It was the slides on Commemorative Half Dollars of the U. S. This set is especially interesting because it enlarges the coins so you can see the smallest detail that otherwise would go unnoticed.

The program also included a very good door prize drawing, auction and the group discussions that usually follow the meetings.

—Bryan Burke, Jr.,
Secretary.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY held its 181st meeting at Dartlee Hall on July 7. Feature of the evening was the showing of the ANA slides on medallions issued by the Circle of Friends of the Medallion and the first eighteen issued by the Society of Medalists. The slides are color transparencies which did full justice to the beauty of the medallions. Mr. Panosh acted as commentator, and to make it more complete he had on exhibit his collection of the medallions themselves. Refreshments and the usual social hour closed the evening.

The 183rd meeting of the society was held at Dartlee Hall on August 4 with 45 members and visitors present, presided over by President Crouthamel. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brainard and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Harbeck of Los Angeles. Following the business session, Dr. Harbeck spoke on Byzantine and other medieval coins, illustrating his talk with a splendid collection of coins of that period. His talk covered not only the coinage of the time but also methods of coinage, influence of the economics of the times and other matters connected with the subject. It was a splendid scholarly address such as we are seldom privileged to hear. Refreshments were served following the closing.

—Anna Merle Panosh,
Secretary.

COOLURES NAMED CHAIRMAN FOR MERCED CONVENTION

George Coolures, captain in the Merced Fire Department and popular member of the Merced Coin Club, has been named general chairman in charge of arrangements for the forthcoming CSNA convention to be held in Merced on the week-end of April 10, 11, 12, 1953. Headquarters will be the Tioga Hotel and all convention activities will be conducted at the hotel.

Altho a comparatively new club, the Merced Coin Club is one of the most active clubs in California today as shown by its capture of second award for Class "B" clubs in National Coin Week competition. Mr. Coolures promises to spare no effort to make this an outstanding convention.

From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Cash on hand June 30, 1952		$614.04
Receipts:		
1952 Dues	$ 25.00	
1953 Dues	4.00	29.00
Total Receipts		$643.04
Less Disbursements:		
Postage and Supplies	$ 25.20	
Bulletin	203.03	228.03
Cash on hand August 31, 1952		$415.01

NEW MEMBERS

As of August 18, 1952

524 Feinberg, Herbert, 1164 Marshall Blvd. ..... San Bernardino, Calif.
525 Lange, W. C., 525 S. Buena Vista St. ..... Redlands, Calif.
526 Hill, T. Kirk ..... Brea, Calif.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

117 Bay Cities Coin Club, C. G. Kimerly, Secretary, 1320 14th St. ..... Santa Monica, Calif.
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362 Johnson, Emil, 6135 Lake Murray Blvd. ..... La Mesa, Calif.
503 Kimerly, C. G., 1320 14th St. ..... Santa Monica, Calif.
75 Lan Franco, Robert J., Box 242 ..... Selma, Oregon
78 Los Angeles Coin Club, W. D. Koonce, Secretary, 4629 Fair Ave. ..... North Hollywood, Calif.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership as of June 30, 1952		358
Additions:		
New Members	3	
Reinstated	0	3
Total		361
Less Losses:		
Resigned	0	
Deceased	0	
Suspended	0	0
Net Membership as of August 31, 1952		361

Note: 323 members have paid 1952 dues.

Respectfully submitted,
R. G. McArthur,
Secretary.

CALIFORNIA SCORES IN NATIONAL COIN WEEK

Results of National Coin Week competition as published by the awards committee show that California received the following:

CLASS "B" CLUBS
2nd Merced Coin Club

JUNIOR CLUBS
3rd Junior Coin Collectors of San Francisco

INDIVIDUALS
4th Bryan O. Burke Jr., Fontana
6th Fred E. Draper, Upland
7th Richard L. Elliott, Garden Grove